

# COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2015

### Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings

Present: Mr. Nelson McCausland MLA (Chairperson)  
Mr. Gordon Dunne MLA (Deputy Chairperson)  
Mr. Cathal Ó hOisín MLA  
Mr. Basil McCrea MLA  
Mrs. Rosaleen McCorley MLA  
Mr. William Humphrey MLA  
Mr. David Hilditch MLA  
Mrs. Karen McKevitt MLA  
Mr. Leslie Cree MLA

In attendance: Mr. Peter Hall (Clerk)  
Mr. Jonathan Lamont (Assistant Clerk)  
Ms. Gillian Kirk-Lyness (Assistant Clerk)  
Miss Sabra Wray (Clerical Officer)

Apologies: Mr. Dominic Bradley MLA  
Mr. Oliver McMullan MLA

*The Committee commenced in public session at 12.36pm*

#### 1. Apologies

Apologies noted above.

*Mr David Hilditch joined the meeting at 12.37pm*

*Mr William Humphrey joined the meeting at 12.37pm*

#### 2. BBC Charter Renewal – Briefing from DCAL Minister

The following officials joined the meeting at 12.38pm.

Mrs. Carál Ní Chuilín	Minister, DCAL
Dr Denis McMahan	Permanent Secretary, DCAL
Ms. Patricia McAuley	Director of Culture Division, DCAL
Ms. Angela McAllister,	Head of Arts Branch, DCAL.

*Mrs Karen McKevitt joined the meeting at 12.40pm*

A question and answer session followed their briefing.

*Mr David Hilditch left the meeting at 12.49pm*

*Mrs Karen McKeivitt left the meeting at 12.56pm*

*Mr David Hilditch re-joined the meeting at 1.02pm*

*Mr Basil McCrea left the meeting at 1.25pm*

*Ms Rosie McCorley left the meeting at 1.25pm*

*Mr Cathal Ó hOisín left the meeting at 1.26pm*

### **3. Correspondence**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to schedule a meeting with UTV regarding the ITV takeover of the channel's local television operations.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to associate a submission from Ulster Orchestra regarding cuts to its budget with the Hansard report of the Committee's arts cuts event on 12<sup>th</sup> November.

### **4. Any Other Business**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed that the Committee Clerk should bring forward wording for a motion flowing from the Committee's arts cuts event on 12<sup>th</sup> November.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to forward the correspondence regarding EasyJet following a request from a journalist, and to inform EasyJet of this action.

### **10. Date, Time and Place of next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure will take place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at 11.00am in Room 30.

### **11. Adjournment**

*The meeting adjourned at 1.32pm.*

**Mr. Nelson McCausland**  
**Chairperson, Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure**

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